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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1.

Part B for October 1922.

SUBJECT

Applications from L. Manickalingam Madaliar and others for the grant of an exploring license over certain areas in Uva with special reference to Chromite.

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To

The Director of Geol.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETAR

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(For Disposal at a Meeting)

No. C. 79

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ENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

SUBJECT.
(Clause xxiv of the schedule)

Application from Messrs. V. Manickavelur Mudaliar & Son for the grant of an exploring license over the Hassan District with special protection in respect of Chrome Ore

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

.....10th August.....1922.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Extraordinary Member of Council. Seen

First Member of Council. Seen.

1083/1418. **Second Member of Council.** 13/8

Third Member of Council.

V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son,

PROPRIETORS.

Bhaktarhalli Chrome Mines, - - Golhalli Kaolin Mines,
Chickonally „ - - Hullakata Manganese „
Jambur „ - - Masanbayanalli Magnesite Mines.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
26 JUN 1922
INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BRANCH.

FIBRE DEPARTMENT.

IMPORT & EXPORT MERCHANTS.
TELEGRAMS : "MANICKAVELU," BANGALORE.
CODE A. B. C. 5TH EDITION.

AHMED BUILDINGS,
Bangalore City,

Dated 16th June *1922.*

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
No. 25564 A
20 JUN 1922
INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BRANCH.

A. R. Banerji, Esqr., M. A, I. C. S.,
Dewan of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

18 JUN 1922

Sir,

We have the honor to forward herewith for favor of your kind perusal and consideration of the points raised therein, a copy of our letter addressed to the Director, Mysore Geological Department, praying for the grant of an exploring license in our favor over the — District of Hassan with special protection in respect of Chrome ore.

It will be superfluous to dwell at length here over our — claims for the special consideration desired as they are, in detail, set forth in our letter to the Director. We believe that in view of the circumstances put forward therein, the Government will be pleased to sanction us the license prayed for.

Yet another important point raised in the course of our said letter, page 4, is the construction of an Industrial Railway from our mines, i. e, the Bhaktarhalli mines to the Duddha Railway station on the Arisikere- Hassan line. As we consider that this project of ours could be more advantageously made useful to the public also with the co-operation of the Government by diverting the line as stated in our letter

Enc.....

V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son,

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letter to the Director , we beg to submit herewith a copy of the -- mineral map of Mysore with the alternative lines marked thereon for consideration of the Government.

We have also submitted a copy of this proposal with a full set of enclosures to the Railway Secretary to the Government for his consideration and submission to the Government with his recommendations thereon.

As the scheme is of vital and immediate interest both to ourselves personally for the transport of Chrome and to the Government in as much as it indirectly promotes the Chrome Industry of the State besides serving a section of the subjects of His Highness who do not now possess the advantage of transport by locomotion in their areas, we commend the same for very early and favorable consideration of the Government.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants;

V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son

V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son,

PROPRIETORS.

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Bangalore City,

No.....

Dated 14th June 1932

B. Jayaram, Esqr., F. G. S.,
Director,
Mysore Geological Department,
B A N G A L O R E.

S i r,

We have the honor to request that an exploring license may be granted to us over the District of Hassan with special protection in respect of Chrome ore for a period of five years.

As the Government are aware, we have, after considerable - expenditure of money, time, energy and skill, proved that the Nuggihalli Area in the Channaroyapatna taluk is capable of yielding -- large quantities of Chrome ore of high grade running from 48 to 52% Cr_2O_3, whereas it had, in the past, been condemned and abandoned by such powerful and influential syndicate as the Mysore Chromium Company, as containing only low grade ore (42% Cr_2O_3) and the attempts made by that Company to concentrate the ore up to 48 or 50% Cr_2O_3 -- with the necessary concentrating plant were also given up as fruitless. The developments made by us in the Bhaktarhalli block which we hold in that area have clearly shown that good quality ore(48 to 52% Cr_2O_3) comparable to that of the Kadakola area is obtainable in the Nuggihalli area.

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It is also well known to the Government that the Nargondanhalli

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Margowadanhalli chrome block in the Mysore taluk was developed by us and proved to yield high grade Chrome ore with 48 to 49 Cr_2O_3 -- while it had been abandoned by the previous licensees, viz, Messrs. Mc Dowell and Company of Madras, as capable of yielding only low - grade ore with not more than 38% Cr_2O_3. This block has unfortunately been resumed by Government and another block given to us in its stead adjoining the Bhaktarhalli block in the Nuggihalli area.

In the year 1918 we applied for a Prospecting License over - the Hullenhalli Block, and although we had a fair and equitable claim for it, as we are sure, the records with Government will show, a temporary license over that block was granted by Government to Messrs. - Oakley Bowden & Co, Madras, on representations made by them that the ore was required for supply to the then Munition Boards. On the expiry of the temporary license to Messrs. Oakley Bowden & Co., we urged the grant of a license to us over the said Hullenhalli block as a compensation for the Margowdanhalli block resumed by Government, and although the Government had at that time decided to grant that block to us, the decision was altered in consequence of Dr. W. F. Smeeth's suggestions that certain minerals and mineral areas, including chrome, should be reserved for Government. It having now been found by experience that the policy of reservation did not promote private enterprise, but only hampered the development of mineral industries, the Government have - been advised by the Economic Development Board to withdraw the reservation

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reservation, and we accordingly beg that the Government may be graciously pleased to grant us a mining lease over the Hullenhalli block for which we have prior claims under the circumstances mentioned above as well as an exploring license which gives us not only special protection from unhealthy competition, but also the exclusive right to obtain mining leases under the existing rules over blocks to be selected by us within that District.

Although three mining blocks have been sanctioned in our favor for Chrome ore uptodate, it is only the Bhaktarhalli block which has - so far been in our actual possession, the other blocks have not yet - been taken possession of as the leases thereof are still under issue. From the single block in our possession we have up to date extracted 45,561 tons of chrome ore, exported 18,901 tons, and paid to the Government a Royalty of Rs. 14,106-13-3, from which it will be apparent that we have been the largest producers of the mineral so far in the Mysore State. We are now anxious to organise and develop the Chrome industry in the State on a far more substantial and permanent basis and to concentrate the ore on the spot with the necessary plant. The scheme we have in view is a very big one and is calculated to benefit not only - ourselves personally, but also the Government, and help the development of the Chrome Industry in the State.

As the Government are aware, the most essential factor in all industrial concerns is facility of transport and we are accordingly -

Enc. .....

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accordingly contemplating the construction of an industrial railway from the mines to connect existing Railway stations. On our representing this matter to the Dewan Saheb he quite approved of our proposal and asked us to submit suitable proposals through the Railway Secretary to Government and we are accordingly placing ourselves in communication with that Officer. We have already negotiated for and obtained estimates for a 2'6" line from our present Bhaktarhalli mines to the Dudda Railway station on the Arisikere-Hassan line. A copy of the mineral map of Mysore showing the proposed line as well as copies of the estimates received are submitted herewith for your kind perusal and submission to Government. In this connection we beg to add that - it would also be very desirable for the Government to take advantage of this occassion to have an extended line to run through some important trade and populous centres, such as Tiptur, Bhaktarhalli, Chickerhalli, Jambur, Shravanabelgola, and Channaroyapatna, or Tiptur and — Channaroyapatna via Shravanabelgola. If any of these commends itself to Government we shall be glad to alter the guage of our own line — consistently with the S. M. R. guage. This matter can be decided only after discussion with the Railway Secretary and after obtaining the - views of the Government.

All these schemes involve a huge outlay and could be launched only when we have definite assurances from Government in regard to our being allowed the full and exclusive liberty of dealing with the Chro

Enc.....

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Chrome ore in the State of Mysore, or atleast with the ore in the - District of Hassan, in the first instance, where our activities are at present confined. The Economic Development Board have already - commended for the consideration of the Government the great desirability of the grant of special concessions in respect of each mineral industry in the State, and we beg that in consideration of the fact that we have been so largely associated with Chrome mining in the - State, the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore be graciously - pleased to grant us a concession to develop the Chrome Industry in the State, starting with an exploring license with preferential and exclusive rights to obtain prospecting licenses or mining leases for Chrome ore over selected blocks in the District of Hassan.

In conclusion we entreat your very early and favorable consideration of this application and we need not say that what we are - asking for is nothing extraordinary nor without precedence.

We have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servants,

V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son

Enc.....

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COPY of letter dated 24th May 1922, No. 9705, from the Controller, (.Sales), Surplus Government Stores, Bombay.

With reference to your letter No. 1/01. S. A. dated 12th May 1922, to the address of Controllers (Sales),Calcutta, a copy of which has been forwarded to me , I beg to offer you the following subject to - remaining unsold on receipt of your order.

(a) Rails 24 lbs. (Yard) approximately 10 miles rail track at Rs. 130/- per Ton.
(b) Sleepers for above.(wood).
6'-0" at Rs. 2/4/0 each.
5'-0" at Rs. 1/8/0 each.
(c) For 2'-6" gauge.

7 Open material waggons, 9½ tons capacity.	Rs.	1500 each.
3 do. ends removed.	.	1000 do.
15 Covered waggons	.	500 do.
21 Flat and Bolster trucks.	.	750 do.
(d) Locomotive (No. 2) 0-4-2 Type .	. Rs.	6000.

It should be noted that the price for rails does not include - fittings. These are extra as follows: --

Fish Plates at Rs. 10/8/0 per Cwt.
Dog Spikes at Rs. 21/0/0 per Cwt.
Fish Bolts and Nuts are not available.

The Stores are open to any inspection before purchase and in the case of rolling stock inspection is recommended before purchase. Prices quoted are F.O.R. Bombay and are for stores as they stand.

Your order will receive every attention.

Yours faithfully,

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for Controller (Sales)
Surplus Government Store

Enc.....

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

3 Mrs Mackenzie medalists for have only sent a copy of their application submitted to the Druids of Geology and of the proposed construction of certain railways they have placed before the Railway Secretary. The application to the Druids of Geology is only for an Exploring licence which does not usually require to be stamped.

4 We may await the report of the Druids of Geology & the Ry Secy before dealing with the matter, their officers being in the meanwhile requested to expedite their report as the matter is somewhat important.

5 The present letter of the firm as submitted, does not seem to require to be stamped.

6 If approved the paper may be submitted to the 1st member for perusal. On return the Druids of Geology & the Ry Secy can be addressed as suggested above.

7 Why?

8 Yes

9 Because no action is contemplated.

10 Yes.

11 Put - please answer this queries. I think the 16th December has also not a Commissioner -

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20/11/11

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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ROUTINE NOTES.

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Fm Messrs V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Sons
Vellore 23-6-22

States that an application for the grant of an exploring licence with special protection in respect of chromite has been submitted to the Director of Geology and asks for communication regarding the construction of a railway from Nektarbelle to Dodda Betta has been submitted to the Secretary for Railways & requests favourable consideration in the matter.

Retained

12 To the General Secretary with compliments.

13 Presumably the Director of Geology & the Agent, Mysore Railways will address Govt in the matter. Their communications may be awaited. If not against approved practice, a acknowledgment may be sent. reply to this.

Initd PRR
23-6-22

14 Perhaps an acknowledgment that the requests will receive consideration on receipt of communication from the Director etc.

Initd S.H.
23/6.

Initd MSR
23/6

15 Submitted with a draft. Pl see for orders whether the firm may not be requested to affix stamps. 2-6-22 — Govt of India Notn No. 1250 dated 12-6-1918. vide Rules prescribed under Petition Rules.

7 Copy Y

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Leases and leases held by private parties for chrome at present are noted below.

	Mining Leases.	Mineral	Period	area.	quantity of chromeore extracted
1)	The Salā Iron & Steel Co Ltd.	chrome & magnesite.	30 years from 21-6-1917.	153/- acres in Mysore & Kanjangud Taluks.	
2)	do.	do.	do.	49/ acres in Mysore Taluk.	
3)	do	do	30 years from 21-8-17	147/- acres in Mysore & Kanjangud Taluks.	
4)	Messrs Bockley Borden & Co	chrome	30 years from 25-8-18	251/- acres in Mysore Taluk.	
5)	The Mysore Chromite Ltd	chrome & magnesite.	30 years from 4-3-1916.	480/- acres in Mysore Taluk	
6)	do.	chrome	10 years from 26-4-1919.	70/- acres in Arsikere Taluk.	

Prospecting Licences.

1)	Mr. M. A. Vardhamanaiya.	Chrome, magnesite & graphite.	1 1/5 sq miles in Mysore Taluk.
2)	Mr. G. Burr	chrome	A 0 489 - 5 in Arsikere Taluk.

Mining Leases under issue

1)	Messrs V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Sons.	chrome	640/ acres over Bhatchahalli Block in Channarayapatna Taluk.
2)	do.	do.	480/- acres over Chickkanballi Block in Channarayapatna Taluk.
3)	do.	do	640/- acres over Jambur Block in Channarayapatna Taluk

Applications now received for

(a) an Exploring Licence

1)	Messrs V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Sons.	iron & the protection chrome	over Hassan District.

(b) a Mining Lease

1)	Messrs V. Manickavelu Mudaliar.	chrome	560/- acres in Channarayapatna Taluk

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27 The Director of Geology states that

(1) Messrs V. Manickaraka Mudaliar & Sons have extracted 52 577/- tons of chrome ore and paid Rs 15676-11-0 as royalty; and

(2) Messrs Oakley, Bowden & Co, (b) The Mysore chromite Ltd, (c) The Mysore Minerals Ltd have extracted 45 105/- tons of ore and paid Rs. 11641-8-8 as royalty.

28 A draft reminds to the Agent, Mysore Railways is also put up.

HDS
22-7-22

Submit file - e).
MTS
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650 & 24-7-22

30 The Director recommends that (1) Messrs Manickaraka may be given an exploring license over the State & Hassan District with special reference for Chrome & (2) that they may also be given a mining lease over the Hulkenahalli block (included in the Maggihalli area already reserved for Govt in notification dt 29-4-1919) in preference to Messrs Oakley Bowden & Co.

31 Details of the current licenses & leases for Chrome are given on the foregoing page from which it will be seen that almost all the area reported to

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Chromite leases are always under holding.

32 In this connection Dr Smeeth's opinion given at recent interview in connection with the Chrome Ore Export Duty may be perused. He is against the grant of further licenses for Chrome.

33 Before considering the question further this file may also be referred to Law Department for remarks if any.

34 Reply from the Agent, Mysore Res is also due.

24/7/22

35. Chief Secretary

27.7.22

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36 I do not think there is any need to consult Dr Smeeth again now. His views are already on record. As the present reference involves a question of policy, the matter has, I think, to be considered in connection with which may be submitted. If the Dewan so orders

Rees 3.8.22

37 Dewan) Mysore consulted

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Chief Secy) 5/8/22

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Submitted with a draft.

H.S. 5-10-22

Done 7/10

18 To,

Director, Deptt. of Geology

No. 2312 J. 13.10.22

States that the applcn. of Messrs V. Ramanujachari Sndr. & Son for an exploring license over the Hassan area for Chromite is rejected in view of the desirability of reserving the mineral ore.

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Date of issue 30. 6. 22

Signed by Mr. M. S. R.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of

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File No.

Serial No.

No. GU 357 Geol

To Messrs V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Sons
Ahmed Buildings
Bangalore city

Sir,

With reference to your letter addressed to the Hon'ble Member of Council dated 23-6-1922 stating that an application for grant of an exploring license over the Hassan district with special protection in respect of chrome ore has been submitted to the Director of Geology and quoting correspondence regarding the construction of a railway to Shaklarhalli Mining block to the Budda Railway Station in the Hassan district has been submitted to the Secretary to Govt for Railways & requesting favours

over.

The matter will receive consideration.

orders in the matter ~~Messrs Kellock Chandler~~ I am also to state

~~Messrs Kellock & Co~~ are informed that ~~their~~ any further

requests will receive consideration on receipt of recommendations

~~communications~~ from the Officers concerned.

I am Sir
Your obedient Servant

[illegible]
for Secretary to the Board.

List of enclosures.

Copied by

Examined by

G. R. S. VI—G/32]

SUBJECT.....

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 11.7.22

Signed by M. M&R Row

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File No.

Serial No.

No. 188

To The Director, Geology

Sir,

I am directed to state that Messrs V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Sons of Bangalore have submitted a representation to Government praying for the grant of an exploring licence over the Hassan district with special reference to ~~the~~ chromite ore ~~has been submitted by you~~ and to request that the submission of your report in the matter may kindly be expedited.

I have etc.

for Secretary to Government

over.

M. G. D. 12.

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Dated, Bangalore, 19/7/1922.

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From

B. JAYA RAM, ESQUIRE, F.G.S.,
Director, Mysore Geological Department.

20 JUL 1922

To

B. Venkoba Rao, Esqr., B.A.,
General Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
25 JUL 1922
INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BRANCH.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for the information and orders of Government, a copy of an application, dated 14th June 1922, from Messrs. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son, for an exploring license over the District of Hassan, with special protection in respect of chrome ore for a period of five years. The ordinary fee of Rs.10/- and the special fee of Rs.25/- have been duly paid by them into the State Huzur Treasury.

2. The special protection sought for by the applicant is that they may be granted the exclusive right to obtain mining leases for chrome ore under the existing rules over blocks to be selected by them from time to time in the District of Hassan. It is represented that the applicants are now anxious to organise and develop the Chrome Industry in the State on a substantial and permanent basis and to concentrate the ore on the spot with the necessary plant and also to provide better facilities of transport by the construction of an industrial railway from the mines to the existing Railway Stations and that, in order to enable them to effectively carry out these schemes which involve a huge outlay, it is essential for them to have definite assurances from Government that they would

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not only be protected from unhealthy competition but also allowed the full and exclusive liberty of dealing with chrome ore in the State or in the first instance, at least in the District of Hassan, which is the centre of their present activities.

3. The applicants claim to be the largest producers of chrome ore up to date in the State and the records in this office also substantiate this claim. They have, as stated in their letter, extracted up to date, 52,577 tons of chrome ore which is the highest figure of the output on record. It must also be recognised that it is more largely the development work done by them in the Bhaktarhalli Block that proved the existence of high grade chrome ore in the area and led to the reservation of the Nuggihalli area by Government, besides facilitating the supply of large quantities of high grade chrome ore from the Hullenahalli Block to the Board of Munitions during the War period. Messrs. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son have been persistent and venturesome in their pursuits in chrome business and have a very good claim to be regarded as the best among the pioneers of chrome mining in the State. If the schemes they have in view are successfully carried into effect, it would probably lead to the creation of an active chrome field in the Hassan District, and I think it, therefore, very desirable that all possible encouragement and aid should be given to them.

4. I beg to recommend, therefore, that sanction of Government may kindly be accorded to the grant to them, on the following conditions, of the exploring license with the special protection applied for, viz. that they shall have the exclusive right to obtain prospecting licenses and mining leases for chrome under the existing rules over blocks to be selected by them from time to time in the District of Hassan. The period of the license may be one year only, as in ordinary cases, subject,

subject, however, to renewal from year to year at the discretion of Government:-

(1) That Government shall be at liberty to grant concessions to others in respect of minerals other than chrome ore within the area comprised in the exploring license.

(2) that no application from the licensee will be entertained in respect of areas over which prospecting or mining rights have been granted to others before the date of the receipt of such application or which have been reserved under Government Notification No.G.2457-62/Geol.47-18-11, dated 29th April 1920, unless the reservation has been withdrawn by any further Notification which may hereafter be published by Government.

5. Messrs. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son also urge that they may be granted a mining lease for chrome over the Hullenahalli Block for which they have submitted a separa application, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., of Madras, have also been urging for the grant of a lease in their favour in consideration of the temporary prospecting license previously held by them over that Block, the large amount of work done thereunder and the heavy investments they and the other Companies with which they are associated in the Chrome Industry have made. A copy of their letter, dated 5th May 1922 is also submitted herewith for kind perusal. The favourable indications in regard to the existence of workable chrome ore deposits in the Hullenahalli Block were noticed and pointed out by me in the course of my inspection in the year 1918, of the development work done by Messrs. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son in the adjacent Bhaktarhalli Block. This resulted in the submission of applications for prospecting licenses immediately by (1) Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar's representative on the spot, viz. Mr. B. Rangappa and (2) Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co's representative Mr. C. B. Oakley, who had accompanied me during my inspection. Although I then recommended the grant of the license to Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar both on account of priority of application and the good work done on the adjacent Bhaktarhalli Block, yet in consequence of the Special representations made by Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co. that chrome ore was required for supply to the Board of

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Munitions for the supply of raw materials and that any chrome in excess of the quantity contracted for, for such supply, should be placed, if need be, at the disposal of the Government who should have the first refusal of the same and also on the distinct understanding that that license would not entitle the licensees to a mining lease as in ordinary cases.

6. Information has been called for from them as to the quantity actually ordered for by, and supplied to the Munition Board and on its receipt a separate communication will be addressed to Government in regard to the fulfilment or otherwise of the said special condition.

7. It is enough, however, to state here for the purpose of the present case that, in view of the circumstances and conditions of the grant of the temporary license to Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., and the distinct notice given to them, that they would not be entitled to a mining lease, they have no claim whatever to a mining lease.

8. With regard to Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co's request for consideration being shown to them in view of the investments they have made in association with other Companies in the chrome industry, I submit herewith a statement showing the quantities of chrome ore collected and removed up to date and the royalty paid by them and by the (1) Mysore Chromite, Ltd., (2) Mysore Minerals, Ltd., with which they have been associated.

9. It will be seen from this statement, that Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., and the Companies with which they have been associated have collected only 45,103 tons of ore from all the Blocks held by them and paid a royalty of Rs.11,641-8-8, whereas Messrs. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son have extracted 52,577 tons of ore from their blocks and paid Rs.15,676-11-0, as royalty.

10. The above figures in regard to the output show that Messrs. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son, though single handed, have done a larger amount of work up to date than, Messrs. Oakley,

Bowden & Co., The Mysore Minerals Co., and The Mysore Chromite, Ltd., all put together and the investments made by the former must have, therefore. been greater than those made by the latter. In view of these facts, Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., have only a comparatively smaller claim for consideration than Messrs. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son - so far as investments in the chrome industry are concerned.

11. Messrs. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son have been working the Bhaktarhalli Block since 25th September 1916 and have also got the Chickkonahalli and the Jambur Blocks in the same area. The Hullenahalli Block now in question had been recommended to to be granted to them as compensation for the loss of their Margowdanhalli Block in the Mysore Taluk acquired by Government for the purposes of the Tuberculosis Hospital, but was refused owing to the proposals then under consideration to reserve certain minerals and mineral areas in the State. As this block adjoins the Bhaktarhalli Block, it can be more satisfactorily and economically worked by Messrs. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son, who hold the adjacent Bhaktarhalli and Chickkonahalli Blocks than by anybody else. e grant of the Hullenahalli Block to Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., or to any other body is likely to create a very unhealthy competition and it may also lead to various quarrels among the parties and act as serious hindrances to vigorous and efficient mining work, as our experiences have already shown. In illustration of this fact, it may be stated that Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co have already been causing serious obstruction to Messrs. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son's work in the Bhaktarhalli Block. The former have obtained only lately on the 14th April 1921, saguvali chits from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, over Survey Nos.28 and 33 of the village of Chavenahalli comprised in that Block and have been obstructing the latter from carrying on mining work in these lands. The saguvali chits have been granted to Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., in contravention of Clause 16 of the prospecting license according

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to which Messrs. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son should have been given the option of keeping the lands for their benefit and on a reference made by me to the Deputy Commissioner Hassan District, he has, after personal enquiries made, arrived at the conclusion that Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co's application for the lands in question was not a bona fide one for cultivation and that the saguvali chits were issued by mistake due to a lack of the knowledge of the exact relationship between Messrs. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son and Oakley, Bowden & Co., and has accordingly recommended to the Revenue Commissioner, the cancellation of the saguvali chits. As far as I can judge, the cultivation rights over the lands in question appear to have been obtained by Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., mainly with a view to tie up Messrs. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son's hands from working therein, and it also looks rather strange that Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., of Madras should be interested in cultivating rocky lands in, a distant place like the present one.

12. In conclusion, I am of opinion that there are no sufficient grounds in favour of Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., to warrant the grant of a mining lease to them over the Hullenahalli Block and I beg to recommend, therefore, that their prayer may be rejected.

13. The grant of a lease over the Block to any other body than Messrs. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son is very likely to create a very unhealthy atmosphere in the area and seriously hinder the growth of Chrome Industry therein. Further, there is a great deal of uncertainity in regard to the extent of chrome ore deposits in the area in question and it does not, therefore, appear to be either advisable or economical to have more than one body to work them.

14. In view of these facts and also in consideration of the development work already done by Messrs. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son in the adjacent Bhaktarhalli Block and the schemes they

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now have under contemplation, I am constrained to feel that they have a very strong claim for special consideration and I accordingly beg to recommend that a mining lease may be granted to them over the Hullenahalli Block on the withdrawal of the present reservation of minerals and mineral areas as suggested by the Economic Development Board.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. Fay James

Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

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Letter, dated 14th June 1922, from Messrs. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son, Ahmed Buildings Bangalore city, to the Director, Mysore Geological Department, Bangalore.

We have the honour to request that an exploring license may be granted to us over the District of Hassan with special protection in respect of chrome ore for a period of five years.

As the Government are aware, we have, after considerable expenditure of money, time, energy and skill, proved that the Nuggihalli area in the Channarayapatna Taluk is capable of yielding large quantities of chrome ore of high grade running from 48 to 52% Cr_2O_3, whereas it had, in the past, been condemned and abandoned by such powerful and incluential syndicate as the Mysore Chromium Company, as containing only low grade ore (42% Cr_2O_3) and the attempts made by that Company to concentrate the ore up to 48 or 50% Cr_2O_3 with the necessary concentrating plant were also given up as fruitless. The developments made by us in the Bhaktarhalli block which we hold in that area have clearly shown that good quality ore (48 to 52% Cr_2O_3) comparable to that of the Kadakola area is obtainable in the Nuggihalli area.

It is also well known to the Government that the Margowdanhalli chrome block in the Mysore Taluk was developed by us and proved to yield high grade chrome ore with 48 to 49 Cr_2O_3 while it had been abandoned by the previous licensees, viz. Messrs. Mc Dowell and Co., of Madras, as capable of yielding only low grade ore with not more than 38% Cr_2O_3 This block has unfortunately been resumed by Government and another block given to us in its stead adjoining the Bhaktarhalli block in the Nuggihalli area.

In the year 1918 we applied for a prospecting license over the Hullenahalli Block, and although we had a fair and equitable claim for it, as we are sure. the records with Government will show, a temporary license over that block was granted by Government to Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co. Madras, on representations made by them that the ore was required for supply to the then Munition Boards. On the expiry of the temporary license to Messrs. Oakley, Bowden &

we urged the grant of a license to us over the said Hullenahalli Block as a compensation for the Margowdanhalli block resumed by Government, and although the Government had at that time decided to grant that block to us, the decision was altered in consequence of Dr. W. F. Smeeth's suggestions that certain minerals and mineral areas, including chrome, should be reserved for Government. It having now been found by experience that the policy of reservation did not promote private enterprise, but only hampered the development of mineral industries, the Government have been advised by the Economic Development Board to withdraw the reservation, and we accordingly beg that the Government may be graciously pleased to grant us a mining lease over the Hullenahalli Block for which we have prior claims under the circumstances mentioned above, as well as an exploring license which gives us not only special protection from unhealthy competition, but also the exclusive right to obtain mining leases under the existing rules over blocks to be selected by us within that District.

Although three mining blocks have been sanctioned in our favour for chrome ore up to date, it is only the Bhaktarhalli block which has so far been in our actual possession, the other blocks have not yet been taken possession of as the leases thereof are still under issue. From the single block in our possession we have up to date extracted 45,561 tons of chrome ore, exported 18,901 tons, and paid to the Government a royalty of Rs.14,106-13-3, from which it will be apparent that we have been the largest producers of the mineral so far in the Mysore State. We are now anxious to organise and develop the Chrome Industry in the State on a far more substantial and permanent basis and to concentrate the ore on the spot with the necessary plant. The scheme we have in view is a very big one and is calculated to benefit not only ourselves personally, but also the Government, and help the development of the chrome industry in the State.

As the Government are aware, the most essential factor in all industrial concerns is facility of transport and we are accordingly contemplating the construction of an industrial railway from the mines to connect existing Railway Stations. On our representing this

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matter to the Dewan Saheb he quite approved of our proposal and asked us to submit suitable proposals through the Railway Secretary to Government and we are accordingly placing ourselves in communication with that Officer. We have already negotiated for and obtained estimates for a 2'6" line from our present. Bhaktarhalli mines to the Dudda Railway Station on the Arsikere-Hassan line. A copy of the mineral map of Mysore showing the proposed line as well as copies of the estimates received are submitted herewith for your kind perusal and submission to Government. In this connection we beg to add that it would also be very desirable for the Government to take advantage of this occassion to have an extended line to run through some important trade and populous centres, such as Tiptur and Channarayapatna via Shravanabelagola. If any of these commends itself to Government we shall be glad to alter the guage of our own line consistently with the S.M.R. guage. This matter can be decided only after discussion with the Railway Secretary and after obtaining the views of the Government.

All these schemes involve a huge outlay and could be launched only when we have definite assurances from Government in regard to our being allowed the full and exclusive liberty of dealing with the chrome ore in the State of Mysore, or atleast with the ore in the District of Hassan, in the first instance, where our activities are at present confined. The Economic Development Board have already commended for the consideration of the Government the great desirability of the grant of special concessions in respect of each mineral industry in the State, and we beg that in consideration of the fact that we have been so largely associated with chrome mining in the State, the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore be graciously pleased to grant us a concession to develop the chrome industry in the State, starting with an exploring license with preferential and exclusive rights to obtain prospecting licenses or mining leases for chrome ore over selected blocks in the District of Hassan.

In conclusion, we entreat your very early and favourable

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consideration of this application and we need not say that what we are asking for is nothing extraordinary nor without prececents.

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For Director,

NVN/ Mysore Geological Department.

Copy of letter, dated 24th May 1922, No.9706, from the Controller, (Sales), Surplus Government Stores, Bombay.

With reference to your letter No.1/01. S.A. dated 12th May 1922, to the address of Controllers' (Sales), Calcutta, a copy of which has been forwarded to me, I beg to offer you the following subject to remaining unsold on receipt of your order.

(a) Rails 24 lbs. (Yard) approximately 10 miles rail track at Rs.130/- per Ton.

(b) Sleepers for above. (wood).
6'-0" at Rs.2/4/0 each.
5'-0" at Rs.1/8/0 each.

(c) For 2'-6" gauge.

7	Open material waggons, 9½ tons capacity.	Rs.1500 each
3	do. ends removed.	.1000 do.
10	Covered waggons	500 do.
21	Flat and Bolster trucks.	750 do.
	Locomotive (No.2) 0-4-2 Type.	Rs.6000 each

It should be noted that the price for rails does not include fittings. These are extra as follows :-

Fish Plates at Rs. 10/8/0 per Cwt.
Dog Spikes at Rs. 21/0/0 per Cwt.
Fish Bolts and Nuts are not available.

The Stores are open to any inspection before purchase and in the case of rolling stock inspection is recommended before purchase. Prices quoted are F.O.R. Bombay and are for stores as they stand.

Your order will receive every attention.

Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

FORM No. 5.

APPLICATION FOR A MINING LEASE.

Dated the 13th *day of* June 1922.

To

THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY,
BANGALORE.

SIR,

I have the honor to apply for the grant of a mining lease to... a Chrome Block in the Nuggihalli area, Chemarayapatna Tq. under the rules contained in Notification No. G. 25838—Geol. 57-18-20, dated 12th May 1920 over the block of land containing...560....acres marked on the enclosed extract from the Topographical Survey Map of Mysore.
Village maps of the Revenue Survey.

The block applied for comprises lands belonging to the villages, the names of which with the taluk and district to which each belongs, are set out in Schedule A hereto.

I enclose receipt from the..Bangalore..Treasury for Rs. 100, the fee required in respect of this application.

The minerals in respect of which the lease is applied for are stated in Schedule B hereto.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sd) V. Manickavelu Mudaliar

V. Manickavelu Mudaliar,
"Ismailia"
High Ground, Bangalore.
Name and address of applicant.
(Write legibly)

SCHEDULE A.

Village.	Taluk.	District.
Nuggihalli	Chemarayapatna	Hassan

State after the name of village, if whole or part only.

SCHEDULE B.

Minerals in respect of which the application is made.

Chrome.

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for DIRECTOR,
Mysore Geological Department.

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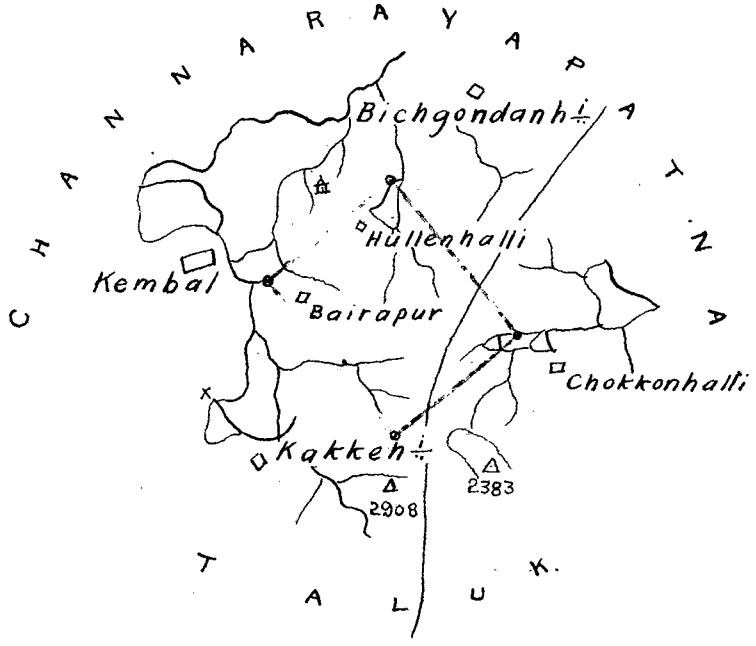

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for Director,
Mysore Geological Dept.

Letter, dated 5th May 1922, from Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., Managing Agents Mysore Chromite Ld., Melrose, Museum Road, Bangalore, to the Director, Mysore Geological Department.

With reference to previous correspondence in connection with the area we applied for in 1918 and for which we were granted a temporary license - No.473 for an area in the Bairapur Village of the Hassan District, you will doubtless recollect that we applied for a renewal of our prospecting license over this area, but for certain reasons our request was not acceded to.

A rumour has reached us lately that others are applying for the chrome rights of this State, while it is common knowledge that the proposals are being made to form a Company to take over certain mining rights of the State in which are included such chrome areas as are not already held under mining lease.

We refrained from pressing our peculiar claims with regard to this area pending the formation of an indigenous chrome industry to be started as, we understood, was contemplated by the State itself. It will be remembered we submitted certain proposals for the formation of a local chrome industry which we ourselves were prepared to promote, and we are still prepared to submit a scheme to this end should the State itself no longer propose to carry through the venture themselves. We do not consider the present moment opportune for the promotion of a Company to carry out such a scheme, but may say that our earnest wish is that we should be able to produce the finished product and obtain the profit therefrom locally for the benefit of ourselves, local capital and the State, if it can be done with reasonable hope of success and profit to those who undertake the enterprise.

Our reason for raising the issue now is, however, to ask you to be good enough, should the matter in any shape or form come up for consideration, to bear in mind our services and investments with regard to the Bairapur area. We respectfully submit that if it be at any time contemplated to give this area to any person or Company our application is already before you and having regard to the very heavy investments we and other companies with which we are associated in the Mysore Chrome Industry have made in connection therewith, we would ask you to be good enough to give us the first refusal should the State decide to remove its reservation of chrome ore and throw it open again to public enterprise.

Thanking you in anticipation for anything that can be done in this connection.

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for Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

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Statement showing the quantity of ore obtained and removed under the Licenses and leases held by Messrs. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son.

Mineral	No. of License or Lease.	year.	Quantity of ore obtained Tons.	Quantity of ore removed Tons.	Royalty paid Rs.	As.	P.	Remarks.
Chrome	P.L. 402-403*	1916-17	1340	1118	838	10	9	* Licenses transferred to the Mysore Minerals Ld, in 1918-19.
		1917-18	411	612	459	9	2	
		Total	1751	1730	1298	3	11	
do-	P.L. 441	1916-17	1500	707	530	4	-	
		1917-18	9350	4409	2294	10	3	
		1918-19	19000	7712	6728	10	10	
		1919-20	6400	1511	1133	1	-	
		1920-21	6000	2501	1875	14	5	
		1921-22 (Half year)	3311	2059	1544	1	9	
		Total	45,561	18,899	14106	13	3	
do-	P.L. 451	1916-17	180	69	51	12	-	
		1917-18	236	204	153	3	-	
		1918-19	-	89	66	10	10	
		Total	416	362	271	9	10	
do-	P.L. 416	1918-19	4250@		-	-	-	@ Includes previous stock of 3500 tons.
		1919-20	-		-	-	-	
		Total	4250	-	-	-	-	
do-	P.L. 445	1916-17	600	-	-	-	-	
		Total	600	-	-	-	-	
	Grand	Total	52,577	20,991	15676	11	-	

M. Varadacharya
For DIRECTOR,
Mysore Geological Department.

1) Messrs. Oakley Bowden & Co.
2) The Mysore Chromium Mines
3) The Mysore Minerals Ltd.

Statement showing the quantity of ore obtained and removed under the licenses and leases held by Messrs. Oakley Bowden & Co. and the Companies with which they were or are connected.

Mineral	No. of Lease or License.	Year.	Quantity of ore obtained. Tons.	Quantity of ore removed. Tons.	Royalty paid. Rs.	As.	P.	Remarks.
Chrome	M.L. 147	1917-18	34.57	2252	1689	6	3	
	Mysore Chromite Ltd.	1918-19	2269	896	672	-	-	
		1919-20	292	471	353	10	-	
		1920-21	440	830	622	7	-	
		1921-22	248	279	209	3	-	
		Total	6,705	4,728	3546	10	3	
-do-	P.L. 381 Mysore Chromite Ltd.	Previous stock	1789	-	-	-	-	
		1917-18	Nil	-	-	-	-	
		1918-19	5933	-	-	-	-	
	M.L. 156.	1919-20 to 1921-22	Nil	-	-	-	-	
		Total	7722	Nil	-	-	-	
-do-	P.L. 374	1917-18	279	257	192	12	-	
		1918-19	606	Nil	-	-	-	
		Total	885	257	192	12	-	
-do-	P.L. 463. Oakley Bowden & Co.	1917-18	510	420	255	12	-	
		1918-19	85	55	41	4	-	
	M.L. 155	1919-20 to 1921-22	Nil	Nil	-	-	-	
		Total	595	475	297	-	-	
-do-	P.L. 473 Oakley Bowden & Co.	1918-19	29,133	10,140	7605	2	5	
		Total	29,133	10,140	7605	2	5	
-do-	P.L. 402 & 403 Mysore Minerals Ltd.	1918-19	65	-	-	-	-	
		Total	65	-	-	-	-	
	Grand	Total	45,105	15,600	11641	8	8	

for DIRECTOR,
Mysore Geological Department.

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Date of issue 13th October 1922

Signed by Mr. M. S. R. Rau

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To

The Director, Dept of Geology

Sir,

With reference to your letter no 90 & 19-7-22 recommending that sanction may be accorded to the grant of an exploring license to Messrs V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son over Kollam District with special reference to chromite & also a mining lease over Kallenkalli block on the withdrawal of the reservation of that area, I am directed to state that in view of the ~~undesirability~~ desirability of reserving

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